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DORGAN ANNOUNCES OVER \$500,000 IN NEA GRANTS FOR FOUR NORTH DAKOTA ARTS PROJECTS

WASHINGTON, D.C. --- U.S. Senator Byron Dorgan announced Friday that four North Dakota arts projects have been selected to receive \$509,950 in grants from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA). The grant awards are funded through the U.S. Department of Interior.

"The preservation and exploration of the arts plays an important role in the cultural and economic growth of North Dakota," Dorgan said. "Funding for these projects will ensure that the arts continue to be a vital part of our local communities."

The grant recipients are:

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| \$453,300 | North Dakota Council on the Arts
Bismarck, North Dakota
To support local arts outreach and educational projects in communities throughout the state. |
| \$ 42,400 | North Dakota Council on the Arts
Bismarck, North Dakota
To support the statewide Traditional Arts Apprenticeship programs. |
| \$ 9,250 | Plains Art Museum
Fargo, North Dakota
To develop educational material to accompany the Rolling Plains Art Gallery, an arts education outreach program and exhibit that travels throughout North Dakota and Minnesota. |
| \$ 5,000 | Minot Area Council on the Arts
Minot, North Dakota
To support a week-long residency for Wonder Wheels, a mixed-ability dance company from Nebraska. |

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